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In re Patent Application of

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For: MICROORGANISMS THAT
EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE
LIPIDS AND METHODS OF
PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID
VESICLES ENCAPSULATING
LIPIDS USING SAID
MICROORGANISMS

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Examiner: Kailash C. Srivastava, Ph.D.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on March 2, 2006, with a three month extension of time and payment of the requisite fees, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal and the requisite fee.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 11.

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